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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, CG

SUBJECT: SAUDIS SET UP EMBASSY IN ZAIRE

1. AHMED MOKHTAR BADRUDDIN, SAUDI ARABIA'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO ZAIRE, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR MARCH 22. HE PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS ON FEBRUARY 16, AND HAS SINCE BEEN ACQUIRING OFFICES AND RESIDENCES. GOZ, WHICH SET UP EMBASSY IN JIDDA SOME TIME AGO, HAS LONG BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO SAUDIS' RECIPROCATING. GOZ OBVIOUSLY HOPES THAT SAUDI PRESENCE HERE WILL SERVE TO ENHANCE PROSPECTS FOR INCREASED FINANCIAL AID.

2. DURING CALL BADRUDDIN CLAIMED HE WAS NOT FULLY INFORMED BY HIS GOVERNMENT OF WHAT ASSISTANCE SAUDIS ARE ALREADY GIVING ZAIRE. HE DISPLAYED SOME INTEREST IN BUT VERY LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF MOBUTU PLAN. HE SAID FOREIGN MINISTER UMBA'S PROPOSED VISIT TO JIDDA EARLIER THIS MONTH TO EXPLAIN MOBUTU PLAN HAD BEEN POSTPONED BECAUSE OF PRINCE'S ABSENCE AND FAILURE OF GOZ TO GIVE SAUDIS ADEQUATE ADVANCE NOTICE. BADRUDDIN'S COMMENTS ON LOCAL SCENE INDICATED HE IS ALREADY DEVELOPING SOME OF CYNICISM THAT CHARACTERIZES SO MUCH OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS HERE.

2. BADRUDDIN APPARENTLY IS EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT, HAVING SERVED IN BELGIUM, MOROCCO, VENEZUELA AND YEMEN. HIS WIFE IS BELGIAN. HE SEEMS QUITE ATUNED TO WESTERN WAYS AND SPEAKS FRENCH, ENGLISH, CONFIDENTIAL

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SPANISH IN ADDITION TO NATIVE ARABIC. WOULD WELCOME FROM ADDRESSES ANY FURTHER BIO INFORMATION THEY MAY HAVE.

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